

**MINUTES  
ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING  
Friday, March 11, 2022**

**PRESENT:** Chair/City Clerk: Abrial J. Barrett  
Commissioners: Marguerite Bowman  
Eric Shepherd  
Grace Descamps  
Recording Secretary: Amy Anikewich

**1. Call to Order**

Ms. Barrett called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., and a quorum was present.

**2. Approval of February 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

**Motion by Shepherd, seconded Bowman by to approve the minutes of February 15, 2022 meeting as presented.**

Ayes: All - 4

**3. Permanent Precinct Consolidation Recommendations from City Clerk**

**a. Michigan House District 62 – Precinct 19 & 18 boundary line redrawn to include northside of Twelve Mile Road**

**Background:** The recommendation was to approve the Precinct 19 & 18 boundary line being redrawn to include the northside of Twelve Mile Road.

The finalized Michigan House District map has been redrawn, which divides the city into two separate Michigan House Districts. Residents on the southside of Twelve Mile Road to the City's south border are now Michigan House District 11. Residents on the northside of Twelve Mile Road to the City's north border are now Michigan House District 62.

Currently, Precinct 17 includes residents on both the north and southside of Twelve Mile Road from the eastside of Harper Ave to Jefferson Ave. This creates a split in the new Michigan House District between Districts 11 & 62. The City Clerk recommends redrawing the boundary line between Precincts 17, 18, and 19 down the center of Twelve Mile Road so that residents on the northside of Twelve Mile will fall within their new Michigan House District 62, and residents on the southside of Twelve Mile will remain in their new Michigan House District 11.

Ms. Barrett explained the boundary split that the newly established Michigan House District 11 and 62 created, and the necessity to redraw the boundary line so that voters are not split within a precinct.

**Moved by Commission Member Bowan, seconded by Commission Member Shepherd to approve redrawing the boundary line between Precincts 17, 18, and 19 down the center of Twelve Mile Road from the eastside of Harper Ave to Jefferson Ave to allow residents on the northside of Twelve Mile Road from the eastside of Harper Ave to the westside of Greater Mack Ave to be moved into Precinct 19, with residents on the northside of Twelve Mile Road from the eastside of Greater Mack Ave to Jefferson Ave to be moved into Precinct 18, with residents on the southside of Twelve Mile Road from the eastside of Harper Ave to Jefferson Ave to remain in Precinct 17.**

Ayes: All – 4

**b. Consolidate Precincts 18, 19, & 20 into two redrawn Precincts. Eliminating Precinct 19 Violet School.**

**Background:** The recommendation was for the approval to consolidate Precincts 18, 19, & 20 into two redrawn precincts, eliminating Precinct 19 Violet School.

Upon review of Precincts 18, 19, & 20 it is the City Clerk's recommendation to consolidate these three Precincts into two by redrawing the boundary lines and in doing so eliminate Precinct 19 Violet Elementary as a voting location. The consolidation of these three precincts into two and the elimination of Violet School as a voting location would be cost savings of approximately \$2,000.00 per election.

Precinct 19 would be split between Precincts 20 and 18 as follows:

- Precinct 20 would begin on the City's west boundary line to include the northside of Twelve Mile Road to the westside of Maple Grove Street, to the northside of Grossedale Street, to the westside of Greater Mack Ave, to the southside of 13 Mile Road, ending at the City's west boundary line.

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- Precinct 18 would include the northside of Twelve Mile Road from the eastside of Maplegrove Street to Jefferson Ave, to include the southside of Grosseedale Street, to the eastside of Greater Mack Ave, to the southside of 13 Mile Road, ending at the City's east boundary line.

This consolidation is in compliance with Michigan Election Law requiring no greater than 2,999 voters per precinct.

Ms. Barrett explained that the State's new Congressional, Senate, and House numbering has created the need to send out new ID cards to all of the City's registered voters. This requirement provided the opportunity to review the current precinct boundaries, voting locations, and look at the best ways to consolidate and ultimately provide a large cost savings to the City; while still being in compliance with Michigan Election Law, and keeping voting locations within a reasonable distance to voters.

Ms. Descamps asked what will happen to the Poll Workers who currently work on Election Day at Precinct 19.

Ms. Barrett explained that there is always a need for Poll Workers, and that those workers can be provided opportunities to work at the City's other precincts.

**Moved by Commission Member Descamps, seconded by Commission Member Bowman to approve consolidating Precincts 18, 19, & 20 into two precincts. Eliminating Precinct 19 Violet School as a voting location, and redrawing precinct boundaries as follows: Precinct 20 would begin on the City's west boundary line to include the northside of Twelve Mile Road to the westside of Maple Grove Street, to the northside of Grosseedale Street, to the westside of Greater Mack Ave, to the southside of 13 Mile Road, ending at the City's west boundary line. Precinct 18 would include the northside of Twelve Mile Road from the eastside of Maplegrove Street to Jefferson Ave, to include the southside of Grosseedale Street, to the eastside of Greater Mack Ave, to the southside of 13 Mile Road, ending at the City's east boundary line.**

Ayes: All – 4

**c. Consolidate Precincts 11, 14, & 15 into two redrawn Precincts**

**Background:** The recommendation was for the approval to consolidate Precincts 11, 14, & 15 into two redrawn precincts.

Upon review of Precincts 11, 14, & 15 it is the City Clerk's recommendation to consolidate these three Precincts into two by redrawing the boundary lines. The consolidation of these three precincts into two would be a cost savings of approximately \$2,000.00 per election.

Precinct 15 would be split between Precincts 11 and 14 as follows:

- Precinct 11 would begin on the City's west boundary line to include the northside of Frazho Road to the westside of Harper Ave, to the southside of Eleven Mile Road, back to the City's west boundary line.
- Precinct 14 would begin on the City's west boundary line to include the northside of Eleven Mile Road from the eastside of Florence Street, to the southside of the Lake Shore / Lakeview School District boundary line, following across the southside of Martin Road, back to the City's west boundary line.

This consolidation is in compliance with Michigan Election Law requiring no greater than 2,999 voters per precinct.

Ms. Barrett explained that with further review, Precinct 15 was specifically looked at to be consolidated between Precinct 11 and Precinct 14 due to the number of registered voters, and how the boundary lines were currently drawn adjacent to each other. This again would provide a large cost savings to the City, while still being in compliance with Michigan Election Law, and keeping voting locations within a reasonable distance to voters.

Ms. Descamps asked how this would affect voters at Rev. Bjorum Activity Center.

Ms. Barrett explained that Precinct 11 voters would now vote at The Shores Church, Precinct 14 would remain at Lakeview High School.

The Commission discussed situations that have arisen where voting locations were unavailable for use on Election Day; specifically, the most recent scheduling conflict that did not allow use of Rev. Bjorum Activity Center for the upcoming May 3, 2022 Election.

**Moved by Commission Member Shepherd, seconded by Commission Member Descamps to approve consolidating Precincts 11, 14, & 15 into two precincts and redrawing precinct boundaries as follows: Precinct 11 would begin on the City's west boundary line to include the northside of Frazho Road to the westside of Harper Ave, to the southside of Eleven Mile Road, back to the City's west boundary line. Precinct 14 would begin on the City's west boundary line to include the northside of Eleven Mile Road from the eastside of Florence Street, to the southside of the Lake Shore /**

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**Lakeview School District boundary line, following across the southside of Martin Road, back to the City's west boundary line.**

Ayes: All – 4

**d. Renumbering of Precincts**

**Background:** The recommendation was to approve renumbering precincts from 1 -23 to 1-21 to include the elimination of Precincts 15 & 19 due to consolidation.

Upon review of the precinct numbering, it is the City Clerk's recommendation to renumber the precincts in a cohesive manner as viewed on the City's Precinct and Street Index Map, reading left to right, starting at the south end of the City's boundary lines to the north end of the City's boundary lines.

Ms. Barrett explained that after proposing to eliminate Precincts 19 & 15, it created the need to renumber the precincts to be consecutive, and in doing so taking the opportunity to renumber all the Precincts in a cohesive manner.

Ms. Bowman asked about notifying voters of the change.

Ms. Barrett explained that voters would receive new ID cards specifically noting a change in their Precinct, Congressional, Senate, and House numbers, along if there has been a change in their voting location. Voters will also be notified via postings to the City's website, social media, newsletter, City Hall, and voting locations.

**Moved by Commission Member Bowman, seconded by Commission Member Descamps to approve the renumbering of Precincts.**

Ayes: All – 4

**e. Eliminate Rev. Bjorum Activity Center as a Voting Location**

**Background:** Eliminate Rev. Bjorum Activity Center as a voting location. Precinct 14 (old Pct 16) will vote at Lakeview High School, and Precinct 11 will vote at The Shores Church.

Upon the consolidation of Precincts 11, 14, and 15 it is the City Clerk's recommendation to eliminate the Rev. Bjorum Activity Center voting location for a cost saving of about \$2,000.00 per election. This elimination will require the following changes:

- Precinct 14 (old Pct 16) will now vote at Lakeview High School
- Precinct 11 will now vote at The Shores Church

Ms. Barrett explained with the proposed consolidation of Precinct 15 into Precinct 11 and 14, it has eliminated the need for a voting location. Rev. Bjorum Activity Center was identified to be eliminated since Precinct 11 voters can be relocated to The Shores Church, and Precinct 16 voters can be relocated to Lakeview High School. Both relocations to already existing voting locations creates a reasonable distance for voters. This elimination would be another cost savings to the City.

Ms. Descamps asked if notices would be posted on Rev. Bjorum Activity Center to notify voters of the change.

Ms. Barrett explained that notices for the building have already been created for the temporary move that affects the May 3, 2022, Election, and notices would also be posted for the August 2, 2022, Primary Election, and November 8, 2022, General Election. Voters would also be notified by postings to the City's website, social media, newsletter, City Hall, and voting locations.

**Moved by Commission Member Bowman, seconded by Commission Member Shepherd to approve the elimination of Rev. Bjorum Activity Center voting location and changing the voting location Precinct 14 (old Pct 16) and Precinct 11 as follows: Precinct 14 (old Pct 16) will vote at Lakeview High School, and Precinct 11 will vote at The Shores Church.**

Ayes: All – 4

**St. Clair Shores Election Commission  
Permanent Precinct Consolidation Resolution**

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the City to alter Precinct boundary lines, consolidate Precincts so that 2 Precincts and 2 polling locations can be eliminated for cost savings purposes, and to renumber Precincts in a cohesive manner; and

**WHEREAS**, the boundary line between Precincts 17, 18, and 19 will now be located down the center of Twelve Mile Road from the eastside of Harper Ave to Jefferson Ave to allow residents on the northside of Twelve Mile Road from the eastside of Harper Ave to the westside of Greater Mack Ave to be moved into Precinct 19, with residents on the northside of Twelve Mile Road from the eastside

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of Greater Mack Ave to Jefferson Ave to be moved into Precinct 18, with residents on the southside of Twelve Mile Road from the eastside of Harper Ave to Jefferson Ave to remain in Precinct 17; and

**WHEREAS**, Precincts 18, 19, & 20 will be consolidated into two precincts. Eliminating Precinct 19 Violet School as a voting location, and redrawing precinct boundaries as follows: Precinct 20 would begin on the City's west boundary line to include the northside of Twelve Mile Road to the westside of Maple Grove Street, to the northside of Grosseedale Street, to the westside of Greater Mack Ave, to the southside of 13 Mile Road, ending at the City's west boundary line. Precinct 18 would include the northside of Twelve Mile Road from the eastside of Maplegrove Street to Jefferson Ave, to include the southside of Grosseedale Street, to the eastside of Greater Mack Ave, to the southside of 13 Mile Road, ending at the City's east boundary line.

**WHEREAS**, Precincts 11, 14, & 15 will be consolidated into two precincts and redrawing precinct boundaries as follows: Precinct 11 would begin on the City's west boundary line to include the northside of Frazho Road to the westside of Harper Ave, to the southside of Eleven Mile Road, back to the City's west boundary line. Precinct 14 would begin on the City's west boundary line to include the northside of Eleven Mile Road from the eastside of Florence Street, to the south side of the Lake Shore / Lakeview School District boundary line, following across the southside of Martin Road, back to the City's west boundary line; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rev. Bjorum Activity Center voting location will be eliminated and changing the voting location Precinct 14 (old Pct 16) and Precinct 11 as follows: Precinct 14 (old Pct 16) will vote at Lakeview High School, and Precinct 11 will vote at The Shores Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the Precincts will be renumbered from 1 -23 to 1-21 to include the elimination of Precincts 15 & 19 due to consolidation; and

**WHEREAS**, Michigan Election Law, section 168.661(3) states that City Election Commission shall divide precincts (establish precinct boundary changes), no later than 120 days before the August primary election following each federal census to ensure a precinct is not split between districts and does not exceed 2,999 registered voters.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of St. Clair Shores Election Commission approves the consolidation of Precincts 18, 19, & 20 into two precincts and the consolidation of Precincts 11, 14, & 15 into two precincts, and the elimination of Violet School and the Rev. Bjorum Activity Center as voting locations and the renumbering of Precincts from 1 -23 to 1-21 to include the elimination of Precincts 15 & 19 due to consolidation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the new Precincts 11, 13, 16, and 17 boundary descriptions, read as follows:

**Precinct 11**

(Merged half of the old precinct 15 with the old precinct 11 to create the new larger precinct 11)

Beginning on the City's west boundary line to include the northside of Frazho Road to the westside of Harper Ave, to the southside of Eleven Mile Road, back to the City's west boundary line.

Polling Place: Assembly of God Church  
(The Shores Church)  
24905 Manhattan

School District: Lakeview  
(Voters will be voting at a new polling location and the boundaries have changed)

**Precinct 13**

(Merged the other half of precinct 15 with the old precinct 14 to create the new precinct 13)

Beginning on the City's west boundary line to include the northside of Eleven Mile Road from the eastside of Florence Street, to the south side of the Lake Shore / Lakeview School District boundary line, following across the southside of Martin Road, back to the City's west boundary line.

Polling Place: Lakeview High School Auditorium  
21100 E. 11 Mile Road

School District: Lakeview  
(Precinct boundary lines have changed, but the polling location has stayed the same)

**Precinct 16**

(Old Precinct 20)

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Beginning on the City's west boundary line to include the northside of Twelve Mile Road to the westside of Maple Grove Street, to the northside of Grossedale Street, to the westside of Greater Mack Ave, to the southside of 13 Mile Road, ending at the City's west boundary line.

Polling Place: St. Margaret Church  
21201 Thirteen Mile Road

School District: Lake Shore  
(Voters will be voting at the same location & boundaries have remained the same, the precinct # has just changed)

**Precinct 17**

(Old precinct 18 and merged with half of the old precinct 19)

includes the northside of Twelve Mile Road from the eastside of Maplegrove Street to Jefferson Ave, to include the southside of Grossedale Street, to the east side of Greater Mack Ave, to the south side of 13 Mile Road, ending at the City's east boundary line and the north side of Twelve Mile Road.

Polling Place: Lake Shore High School  
22980 Thirteen Mile Road

School District: Lake Shore  
(Polling location has not changed, but the numbering and boundaries have)

Ayes: All – 4  
Nays: 0

I, Abrial J. Barrett, City Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Election Commission of the City of St. Clair Shores, County of Macomb, State of Michigan, at a special meeting held on Friday, March 11, 2022, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of the said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Abrial J. Barrett  
City Clerk

New Precinct Numbering and Boundary Descriptions (listing attached to original minutes as Attachment A).

4. **Audience Participation** - None

5. **Adjournment**

**Motion by Shepherd, seconded Descamps by to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 a.m.**

Ayes: All – 4

Prepared by:  
Amy Anikewich  
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by:  
Abrial J. Barrett  
Chair/City Clerk